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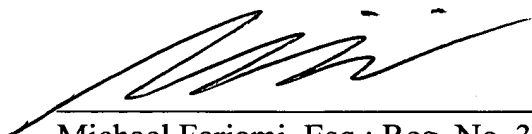
By this amendment, Applicant has canceled non-elected claims 22-31. Elected claims 1-21 remain in the present application.

Applicant hereby elects, without traverse, to prosecute the invention of Group I, i.e. claims 1-21, in response to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action dated September 15, 2003. Applicant hereby reserves its right to file a divisional application directed to the non-elected claims.

According to the election made herein to prosecute claims 1-21 in this application, Applicant respectfully requests an early examination and/or allowance of claims 1-21 remaining in this application.

Respectfully submitted;

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